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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items information listed on the enclosed Form(s) 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits but before the mailing date of a final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311. **Please charge Deposit Account 50-0996 (GUID.037US01) the amount of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for consideration of the items.**

A copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form(s) 1449 is enclosed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2).

Please note that any notations or markings on the attached documents do not reflect particular relevance, or lack thereof, to the present application, nor were they necessarily made by anyone affiliated with the prosecution of the present application.

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Applicant brings to the Examiner's attention commonly owned, co-pending U.S. Application 10/778,270, filed February 13, 2004 (Atty. Docket No. GUID.143PA), which may be of interest.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form(s) 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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